

May 8, 2007– Regular Session

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Session on Tuesday, May 8, 2007. Present were Chairman Jones, Commissioner Monteith, Commissioner Moon and Commissioner Carson. Vice-Chair Lindsay was absent for medical reasons.

Chairman Jones called the regular session to order. Commissioner Moon led with prayer and the pledge.

Adjust Agenda

Commissioner Monteith made a motion to adjust the agenda to better facilitate the meeting. A vote was unanimous.

Approval of minutes

Chairman Jones made a motion to approve minutes of the March 27 regular session. A vote was unanimous.

Public Comments

Citizens listed on the following sign in sheet expressed their concerns during this regular session:

Swain County Commissioners Meeting

May 08, 2007

Please sign in if you wish to speak during the Public Comment Period concerning an item on this agenda.

You will be allowed approximately 3 minutes to speak.

Name	Address/Phone #	Subject	Organization
Mike Clampitt	714 DeBord		

Mike Clampitt submitted the following comments:

PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS

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- I. Wheels of progress are slow
 - A. Board of Elections move progress report, on agenda then off????
 - B. Next joint County/City officials meeting will be?????
 - C. Ms. Hogue asked if County Commissioners had gone on record about the North Shore??? Haven't heard anything??
 - D. If not, how about going on record with a resolution to either be for the Road?? or not!!
 - 1. Have some information that Graham Co. Commissioners have gone on record supporting the construction of the Road
 - 2. And EIS study info for long term economic growth, just not the immediate lottery win of short lived cash
 - E. Mr. King, as county administrator, any chance that the elected board members county funded cell phone numbers and since they have county funded laptops how may I/we get this information????
- II. Any update on when website for www.swaincounty.org will move to www.swaincounty.gov????
- III. Mentioning websites, I have good news for you, the Swain County Republican Party now has a website and it is www.swaingop.org Look for new and informative information to come soon

Kindly submitted and request consideration of the aforementioned items by Mike Clampitt,
POB 2000, Bryson City, N.C. 28713. 828-736-6222
ATTACHMENTS

Virginia DeBord expressed concerns regarding Rec. Park grant money and the possibility of moving the meeting into another room when a large crowd is present.

Tax Collector's Report

Peggy Hyde, Tax Administrator, presented a report to the Board for the month of April. Ad-Valorem tax receivable was reported at \$3,874,354.06. There was \$133,506.70 collected for the month. Total collections year to date were \$4,623,804.93. The tax collection percentage year to date was 1.97%. Total releases were \$3,814.13, total discoveries were \$2,352.24 and total refunds were \$31.13. Commissioner Carson made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Department Reports

Mapping Dept.: Patrick (PJ) Thorstenson, GIS Director, introduced himself being a new employee of the County, and gave an update on the Mapping Department. He noted when he first started this job there were 1400 parcels that didn't join and now there's only 58. Mr. Thorstenson commended Ruth Ann Sitton for all her progress.

Mental Health Update

Shelly Lackey gave an update on mental health requesting the 3 year local business plan be approved at the next Regular Session.

Solid Waste Ordinance info.

Kevin King gave an overview of a possible amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance including a change in the fee structure and added definitions of different businesses to include differences in a bed and breakfast and hotels. A public hearing will be scheduled regarding this issue.

Rec. Park report

Jim Brown presented the following information:

- Senior games begin this week.
- Fields are being reseeded for free.
- New guttering system was installed on the pool
- New splash area completed.
- Deck draining and deck padding was added to the pool area.
- The inmates helped with painting, etc.
- The pool is scheduled to open Memorial day week end.

Health Department report

Charlotte Wilson introduced Sara Peterson. Ms. Peterson gave a presentation regarding community assessment for Swain County informing the Board what health and human services concerns citizens have and what is needed in the community. 1000 surveys were sent out and information was compiled from the 680 that were returned.

Informal Discussion

Commissioner Monteith suggested that if the public addresses an issue that the Board can respond to at that time, they should do so.

County Manager's report

Kevin King gave an update on the following:

- LEC site
- Improvements at the Rec. Park
- Franklin Grove water/sewer project
- Governor's Island water/sewer project – final easement was accepted and the pump station location has been established.
- Both water/sewer projects are scheduled to be completed within the next year.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Moon made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin S. King,
Clerk to the Board
Swain County Commissioners

Glenn Jones
Chairman
Swain County Commissioners